2. In Chapter on "Administrative Relations", the Sarkaria Commission has made two recommendations. One of the these recommendations relating to progressive decentralisation of powers to the Governments of the States has been endorsed by the Inter-State Council. The other recommendation relating to power of the Union to give directions under article 256 and 257 and application of sanction under article 365 has been remitted to a Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Defence Minister for further examination and appropriate recommendations.

3. On 'Financial Relations' the Sarkaria Commission has made 44 recommendations which relate to sharing of taxes between Centre and States, tax reforms, functioning of the Finance Commission, Central assistance to States, management of ways and means position, etc. All these recommendations have been considered by the Inter-State Council and final view taken. These recommendations have been forwarded to the administrative Ministries concerned for implementation.

4. On "Economic and Social Planning' the Sarkaria Commission has made 33 recommendations. These recommendations were considered by the Inter-State Council in its fifth meeting held on 22.1.99 and it was decided to refer them to the Planning Commission for placing before the National Development Council in its next meeting.

5. With the passage of the 89th Constitution (Amendment) Bill *in* the Parliament, it has been decided that the States' share in the Central taxes will now be 29% with effect from 1.4.96.

Statehood for Telengana

409. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would create Telangana State on the lines of Uttaranchal and Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether it is a fact that it *is* the most backward region in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) what steps Government would-take to bring Telangana people at par with other developed regions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the Planning Commission there have *not* identified any area as backward perse.

Review of Child Abuse Laws

410. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any need to review the child abuse laws;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any steps in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The Law Commission of India has recently reviewed the rape laws, *inter alia*, in the light of increased crime of sexual abuse against youngsters and recommended certain changes in the Indian Penal Code, 1860 as well as in the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

Jai Jammu and Kashmir Slogan

411. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item as appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 7th July, 2000 under the caption "Farooq raises 'Jai Jammu and Kashmir' slogan, replacing usual 'Jai Hind'"; and

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the media reports. The Chief Minister had not only raised the slogan "Jai Jammu and Kashmir" but also the slogan "Bharat Mata Ki Jai". He had also exhorted trainees to render selfless service to the people in curbing terrorism and to be sensitive to human rights issues.